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CITIZENSHIP IN A DEMOCRACY

Reserve

"We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

--The Preamble

This statement of purpose and the famous document that it precedes stand today as one of the greatest instruments ever struck off by the hand of man. Conceived in adversity, tempered by experience, and tested by calamity, our form of government remains a champion of the common man, a tribute to his dignity, and a heritage of his sincerity.

Our Representative Government is a democracy within a republic -- a government of laws, not of men. In it, through the medium of universal adult suffrage, every citizen is sovereign. Each is a king, and yet a subject. The individual is supreme - yet subservient to the common welfare. Our Federal Government may be considered the political organization and structure whereby the people exercise control over their own affairs and welfare

To attain the purposes set forth in the Constitution, Our Representative Government engages in many activities and performs many functions and services. Among them are the following:

1. Defends the people against foreign aggression.
2. Supports courts of justice.
3. Regulates property rights of individuals.
4. Determines the political rights and duties of its citizens and the privileges of aliens.
5. Coins money.
6. Regulates trade and commerce between the States and between the States and foreign countries.
7. Maintains national roads and highways.
8. Operates the postal system.
9. Develops sanitary regulations.
10. Engages in research.
11. Promotes public education.

During National 4-H Club Camp you will have an opportunity to meet many people engaged in governmental affairs. You will hear a few of them speak.

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You will see the buildings in which Government functions are housed. You will observe some of the functions of Government in operation. You will have a brief glimpse of the cultural institutions we may enjoy to enrich our daily life. You will also see some of the shrines that remind us of our struggle for freedom and the democratic way of life. You will visit one of our great National Naval Institutions and see some of the oldest cultivated land in the United States.

PLACES YOU WILL SEE

Legislative-- Senate Office Building
House Office Buildings
The Capitol

Executive-- The Pentagon
The White House
United States Department of Agriculture
The Agricultural Research Center at Beltsville
The United States Naval Academy at Annapolis
Other Government Buildings

Judicial-- The Supreme Court

Historical-- The Capital City
Washington Monument
Lincoln Memorial
Jefferson Memorial
Arlington National Cemetery
Mount Vernon
Lee Mansion National Memorial (Custis-Lee Mansion)
Annapolis, Maryland

Cultural-- Cathedral Church of St. Peter and St. Paul
Smithsonian Institution
Arts and Industries Building
Library of Congress
National Gallery of Art
Rock Creek Park

Industrial-- National Airport
Chamber of Commerce of the United States

International-Pan American Union
Embassies and Legations